

In 1878 Mr. Kiefer and Mr. Natler operated the Albany Brewery Co. on Broadalbin Street between First and Water avenues. Shortly after that, the brewery moved to Lyon and Ninth Avenue.

Advertisements of the time indicate that the brewery could fill 10,000 barrels a year "with an excellent brew, noted for its purity, unexcelled by any Eastern brand. Our beer is healthy and nutritious. A tonic. Our Bohemian brand bottled beer is well known and used very extensively throughout Oregon and California."

The brewery also operated an ice plant, with the ice used in lager beer production. Six tons of ice was produced daily, and the excess was sold.

"We ran around inside, picking up bottles thrown under sidewalks in one room," he said. "They were thrown under the sidewalks because they were no good because their tips were broken. I was a scrounger, but there was not much to be had there."

There are a number of historic photographs that show the Albany Brewery Co.

One photo taken from the Southern Pacific Railroad Station looking north up Lyon in the late 1800s or early 1900s shows Oregon National Guard troops returning home from the Spanish American War with the brewery in the background.

The brewery was torn down in 1937 to make way for the Pacific overpass.



Albany Brewing Co. beer bottles, commemorative glasses and bottle openers from Jerry Brennenman's collection.

WHAT: Hearings to renew air permit for Coffin Butte.
WHEN: 7 p.m. Wed.
WHERE: Adair Village Community Center, 6030 William R. Carr Ave.

TCE probe finds nothing alarming at Liberty School

ALBANY DEMOCRAT-HERALD

The continuing investigation of TCE contamination near Albany's Liberty School has turned up nothing alarming, according to a state official.

Geoff Brown of the state Department of Environmental Quality in Eugene provided an update Friday in advance of a public meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school.

For a couple of months, the

DEQ has been investigating the extent of contamination with trichloroethylene (TCE), an industrial solvent and suspected cancer agent, stemming from the Albany Research Center across the street from Liberty School.

The research center discovered the underground contamination in March.

"The central message is that there are no alarming results

for the school," Brown said Friday.

In addition, though, the DEQ wants to make sure there are no problems with drinking water wells in the vicinity, so additional tests will be done on those.

Brown didn't know if any of the wells were still in use.

There has been little public concern about the issue. The first public meeting about po-

tential TCE contamination drew only about 25 people at the school, which has an enrollment of more than 300.

Shallow soil samples taken weeks ago from the playground and athletic fields near Liberty School showed levels of TCE well below the levels considered safe by the DEQ, Brown reported.

The DEQ also took a big batch of air samples all over

Albany, indoors and out, and also found minute traces of the compound.

While there is no definitive information, Brown said experts suspect that most urban areas have some of the substance in their air.

In the continuing investigation, he said the DEQ will next take additional soil samples to see whether the TCE in the ground is coming from the un-

derground plume that extends from the research center.

Brown said the continuing investigation was motivated by the DEQ's and the research center's interest in doing everything possible to protect public health.

Officials of the DEQ, the research center and perhaps the Department of Human Services are expected to attend the meeting Tuesday night.

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